

REPORT
OF THE
Selectmen of Croydon
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1871.

DISBURSEMENTS.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.	Marshall Putnam,	\$76 34	
" " 2.	Warren R. Bartlett,	196 45	
" " 3.	Stillman Putnam,	115 16	
" " 4.	Sylvester Rowell,	62 28	
" " 5.	Jeremiah Haynes,	64 05	
" " 6.	John A. Barton,	38 76	
" " 9.	Epaphras Paul,	18 93	
" " 10.	Parker H. Stocker,	14 16	
	Ward & Rowell,	4 38	
		—	\$590 51
Paid State Tax,		\$1,134 00	
County Tax,		699 41	
		—	\$1,833 41
Paid J. H. Mayo & W. W. Rider, school house tax in Dist. No. 4,		\$200 00	
Marshall Putnam, school house tax in Dist. No. 1,		10 00	
Epaphras Paul, repairing road, and plank in 1869,		6 80	
Gilman Stockwell & F. Barton, repairing road from P. Jacob's to Cornish line,		66 50	
Stockwell & Barton, repairing road from S. G. Walker's to the Peter Barton road,		50 00	
Edward H. Brown, 75ft. of plank,		1 50	
A. P. Welcome, 1587ft. plank,		19 05	
John Blanchard, for stringers and timber for Glidden bridge,		39 50	
Fred Barton, for repairing the Charles Bart- lett bridge and breaking roads,		8 00	

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Paid Caleb N. Loverin, for damage done wagon on highway,	2 00
Joshua A. Codman, for damage done sheep by dogs in 1869,	3 00
Sylvester Rowell, repairing bridge,	52 00
Warren R. Bartlett, for plank and timber for bridges and breaking road,	8 38
W. P. Partridge, for breaking sleigh and sled, and getting stuck in the drifts and breaking roads,	8 00
John Barker, breaking road,	3 00
George N. Smith, Work on Glidden bridge,	1 50
James W. Davis, making new road,	100 00
" " " repairing road,	6 00
Reuben T. Leet, 170ft. plank,	3 40
" " " breaking road,	5 00
Reuben Cooper, 1318ft. plank,	13 18
Moses Barton, putting railing on Glidden bridge,	4 22
John Loverin, breaking roads,	2 00
Carlton F. Hall, timber and plank for bridges,	6 00
Chester Walker, for work on road, and plank,	2 00
Wms. Barton, for registering births and deaths,	3 00
Ruel Durkee, 400ft. plank,	4 00
" " work on Glidden bridge,	6 00
Erastus Smith, breaking roads,	2 00
H. C. Bartlett, breaking roads,	2 00
E. D. Comings, for keeping watering trough on highway,	3 50
Otis Cooper, for keeping watering trough on highway,	2 50
O. Cooper, for work on Glidden bridge,	1 50
Ethan Smith, breaking roads,	2 00
Wm. W. Hall, drawing plank for Glidden bridge,	1 50
Paul Jacobs, breaking roads,	5 00
O. C. Forehand, damage done his sheep by dogs in 1869,	17 50
Edgar Spaulding, breaking roads,	1 50
James H. Mayo, 1625ft. plank,	19 50
T. J. Morrill, damage done his horse on the highway,	25 00
Francis Dodge, for plank, and work on the highway,	5 15
F. Freeto & Son, 154ft. plank,	1 23
Daniel Nettleton, damage to ox on highway,	20 00

 \$743 91

Paid A. C. Bartlett, opening grave,	2 00
Ira Brailey, " "	2 00
George Angell, " 5 graves	10 00
W. W. Partridge, " grave	2 00
Marshall Putnam, " 2 graves	4 00
N. P. Stevens, " grave	2 00
James Eastman, " "	2 00

 \$24 00

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid James Eastman, supporting Lyman Rider, one year, ending January 25, 1871,	78 00
Samuel Chase, for support of Livera Chase,	82 00
Joseph Crocker, for support of W. S. Carroll, one year, ending January 25, 1871,	52 00
David Harding, supporting Lydia Harding, one year, ending January 25, 1871,	78 00
Amos Kidder and T. G. Pewers, supporting Rebecca Powers one year, ending January 25, 1871,	80 35
John Loverin, for boarding, nursing while sick, and clothing Ida Putnam one year, ending March 7, 1871,	81 50
Town of Sutton, for support of Ellen E. Stockwell,	15 10
Dr. Barton, for doctoring Ida Putnam,	6 25
Nathaniel Nelson, for keeping Ellen Stockwell, ending March 14, 1871,	49 50
David W. Rawson, support of Caroline Rawson,	100 00

\$622 70

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Willard Weld, assessed in 1867,	\$2 22
Charles Bartlett, assessed in 1868,	1 00
William C. Allen, assessed in 1868,	2 25
B. F. Tasker, assessed in 1868,	4 95
Reuben and Ahira Flowers, assessed in 1868,	7 00
Willard Weld, assessed in 1868,	2 16
Reuben and Ahira Flowers, assessed in 1869,	14 09
Willard Weld, assessed in 1869,	2 03
Interest on taxes abated,	3 40
Samuel Chase, assessed in 1870,	3 00
William G. Huntly, assessed in 1870,	1 93

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Paid Ruel Durkee, services as Selectman,	35 00
James W. Davis, " "	20 00
George N. Smith, " "	15 00
Alonzo Allen, services as Town Clerk,	10 00
Albina Hall, " " "	5 00
Williams Barton, services Sup. School Com.,	25 00
Stilman Putnam, services Collector of Taxes,	25 00

135 00

Paid Betsey Ames, interest on note,	\$12 00
W. P. Partridge, interest on note,	6 00
N. P. Stevens, interest on note,	12 00
Sidney Putnam, interest on note,	185 00
Hial Flanders, interest on note,	27 00
Caleb L. Barton, interest on note,	60 00
Edward H. Brown, interest on note,	18 00
Adam Rand, interest on note,	36 00
Kimball Loverin, interest on note,	9 00
Reuben Cooper, interest on note,	31 00
Nathaniel Humphrey, interest on note,	6 00
For printing this report,	14 00
Stationery, postage and stamps,	10 00

Paid Sarah Kidder, interest on note,	6 00	
Lester Blanchard, interest on note,	6 00	
Prentice S. Blanchard, interest on note,	21 00	
Caleb L. Barton, on note,	800 00	
	<hr/>	\$1259 00

The Selectmen have credited the Town as follows:

Received of the County of Sullivan for support
of the following paupers:

Lyman Rider,	\$78 00	
Livera Chase,	82 00	
W. S. Carroll,	52 00	
Lydia Harding,	78 00	
Rebecca Powers,	80 35	
	<hr/>	\$370 35

By list of taxes assessed and delivered to the Col-
lector,

	\$3,767 11	
Literary fund,	50 75	
Savings Bank tax,	186 15	
Interest on school notes,	61 88	
Last year's Selectmen,	20 78	
Received of Hial Flanders,	450 00	
Received of Prentice S. Blanchard,	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,886 67

Total amount received,	\$5,257 02
Total amount paid out,	5,252 56

Leaving a balance in the treasury of	\$4 46
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One note to Adam Rand of	\$600 00	
" " Caleb L. Barton of	200 00	
" " Edward H. Brown of	300 00	
" " Austin A. Wilder of	250 00	
" " N. P. Stevens of	200 00	
" " Nathaniel Humphrey of	100 00	
" " W. P. Partridge of	100 00	
" " Sidney C. Putnam,	3000 00	
" " Kimball Loverin,	150 00	
" " Betsey Ames of	200 00	
" " Reuben Cooper of	500 00	
" " Hial Flanders of	450 00	
" " Sarah Kidder of	100 00	
" " Lester Blanchard of	100 00	
" " Prentice S. Blanchard of	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,600 00

Money in the treasury,	4 46
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Leaving a balance against the town of	\$6,595 54
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Which is respectfully submitted.

RUEL DURKEE,	} Selectmen of Croydon.
JAMES W. DAVIS,	
GEORGE N. SMITH,	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following brief report of your public schools, for the past year :

DISTRICT No. 1. The Summer Term was taught by Mary R. Hurd. The teacher, though hardly of the requisite age, still exhibited a rare combination of tact and industry, and closed her term with honor to herself and pupils.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Florette Powers. At the first examination the school appeared to be well organized, interested, and under good discipline. Sickness of the mother, compelled the teacher to leave her school so suddenly as to prevent a final inspection. From what information I could obtain from outside inquiry, I have no reason to doubt its having been a successful term of study.

DIST. No. 2. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Florette Powers. Its first inspection showed rare union of feeling and interest between teacher and scholar. Its closing examination gave the fruits of its early promise. That the school was wholly faultless, I will not affirm, but that its appearance and progress was such as to disarm any spirit of unjust criticism.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Edward Perkins, and but for the bad example and pernicious influence of one shameless young man, his labors would have been crowned with rare success.

DIST. No. 3. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Emma Hall. Its appearance on my first visit was such as to give promise of a

united and profitable school. At its close I found my anticipations more than realized. It was truly a beautiful school. Amid the most perfect order the various exercises were arranged and executed in a manner highly creditable to the entire school.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Celinda Barton. It would have been equally successful had its success not been marred by the improper and inexcusable conduct of two large boys. These young men, influenced neither by self respect, nor by respect or sympathy for their suffering yet faithful teacher, persisted in a course of disobedient conduct, till I was forced to turn them out of school. The reputation of Miss Barton, as a teacher, stands too high and firm to require any encomiums of mine to establish her in the confidence of the public.

DIST. NO. 4. In this district there has been but one term of school the past year. This was taught by Miss Grace Sargent. This school opened well, progressed favorably, and made a very creditable appearance at its closing examination. Miss Sargent is a teacher of considerable experience, has a clear and concise style of imparting instruction; in fine, combines many of those qualities requisite for a successful teacher of youth.

DIST. NO. 5. The Summer school in this district was taught by Miss Ellen A. Rowell. It was the teacher's first effort. She was hardly old enough to commence the responsible vocation of teaching. Though the school was not what it would have been under the tuition of a more experienced mind, still under the circumstances, it was one open to but very little unfavorable criticism.

DIST. NO. 6. The Summer Term in this district was taught by Miss Hannie Barton. It was her first effort and succeeded as well as the circumstances, including her immature age, would admit.

The Winter or Fall Term was taught by Miss Celinda Barton. This term, though short, was a successful one, and would have been much more valuable to the district had the Committee not committed the error of admitting scholars from an adjoining district without proportionally lengthening the term of study.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It may very reasonably be inferred from what I have said respecting the several districts that your schools at the present time will compare favorably with previous or past reports. Your scholars are generally young; there has not been sufficient school money to enable you always to employ experienced teachers, without abridging too seriously the term of study. Under the operation of the new

law you will have sufficient money to enable you to employ good male teachers, for your three village winter schools. I think it requires the strong as well as skillful hand to govern some of the spirits or bodies in those schools. I trust this policy will be followed in the future.

Allow me to call your attention once more to the matter of school books. There are not more than one or two dictionaries in all your schools. Parents and teachers, are under the weightiest obligations to supply the deficiency immediately. I refer you to the remarks I made in my last report upon this important subject. The study of history has become well nigh obsolete in this town. Ought not our children to become familiarized early with the history of our own country? There is no period in our lives when historical facts and events can be so easily learned and retained as in youth.

The study of geography has attained such importance as to render the furnishing your school rooms with globes and other apparatus, a positive necessity. I would advise the town to take some action upon this subject at its next annual election.

Parents have perhaps manifested an average amount of interest in the welfare of their schools and scholars during the past year; some show a much deeper interest than others. But is it not a subject that should interest all?

To educate our children thoroughly and properly is by much the greatest blessing we can confer upon them. Better than wealth, for wealth is the servant of knowledge. It is the universal law of mind to be educated; and if we do not educate our children at schools and academies, they will educate themselves in the streets. If they do not graduate from our schools and colleges they will graduate in prison, or at the end of the hempen cord.

We are compelled, however reluctantly, to choose and abide the results of our decision. No parent can be held guiltless in this land of schools who neglects to educate his children. How much of pauperism or crime would there be in our town, state or country, if our laws demanded and enforced the education of every child.

In conclusion, allow me once more to tender my sincere thanks to parents for the confidence reposed, and to teachers and pupils for the respect always shown me.

WILLIAMS BARTON.

Table of Schools.

No. of District.		Names of Teachers.	Length in weeks.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	No. in reading.	No. in spelling.	No. in arithmetic.	No. in grammar.	Penmanship.	Geography.	Wages of Teachers.
Terms—1 Summer.	2 Winter.											
1	1	Mary R. Hurd.	6	20	19	20	20	11	3	11	9	\$18 00
	2	Florette Powers.	8	23	22	23	23	18	7	10	12	22 00
2	1	Florette Powers.	9	43	39	43	43	25	6	22	11	22 00
	2	Edward Perkins.	10	49	40	44	44	35	11	23	12	40 00
3	1	Emma Hall.	9	26	22	26	26	17	3	6	9	15 00
	2	Celinda Barton.	10	32	29	32	32	26	13	15	18	24 00
4	1	Grace Sargent.	13	24	21	24	24	19	2	18	5	24 00
5	1	Ellen A. Rowell.	7	15	13	13	13	8	1	6		16 00
	2	Ida Walker.	13	15	13	15	15	13	2	8	8	20 00
6	1	Hannie Barton.	6	10	8	10	10	5		4	4	16 00
	2	Celinda Barton.	6	21	19	21	21	16	5	13	11	20 00